DIWAN'S TOURS OUTSIDE THE STATE—EXPENDITURE

253. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state the figures of expenditure incurred by the Government of Cochin on account of the travelling expenses of the Diwan outside the State, during the first quarter of 1115?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Rs. 433—9—0.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know the number of occasions the Diwan went out of State entailing this expenditure?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I cannot give you the number of occasions.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Is it more than once?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. More than once.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know the object of his first visit out-side the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I am not able to say it now.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Is it the case of the Government that they want notice or that the answer cannot be given?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I am not now in a position to say on how many occasions the Diwan went outside the State and for what all purposes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are not the programmes of journies of the Diwan and the Minister published in the Gazette?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the object of the various visits also is published?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* It seems the hon'ble member for Mattancheri thinks he is more in the know of things.

WAR PURPOSES COMMITTEE—NOMINATION OF A CHRISTIAN MEMBER

254. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state why they did not deem it

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necessary to have a Christian member on the War Purpose Committee?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Government did not consider it necessary to constitute the Committee on a communal basis.

LEGISLATION—REFERENCES OF DRAFTS TO HIGH COURT

255. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the drafts of proposed legislation are or were in any cases sent up to the High Court for the expression of opinion of the Honourable Judges, and if the answer is in the affirmative ;

(*b*) will the Government find it possible to stop the practice ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*

(*a*) Not generally, but in some cases drafts are sent to ascertain their views on the proposed legislation.

(*b*) Government do not think it necessary.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, what is the practice obtaining in British India ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* The same practice.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Have the Government enquired ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know what is the harm in doing so ?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* They will be assisting the legislation, and since they have pronounced an opinion even if it is wrong they will be influenced by it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* The Judges cannot look to the debate on a bill for matters of interpretation.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Human mentality being what it is and since the Judges are human beings there is a possibility that they will be influenced by the opinion once expressed by them.

Mr. Deputy President: Order, order. We cannot have a regular debate on this occasion.

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